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"THE WOMAN IN WHITE," "THE MOONSTONE," "AFTER DARK," "NO NAME," "MAN AND WIFE," "THE LAW AND THE LADY," "THE NEW MAGDALEN," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER X.—FATHER BENWELL'S CORRESPONDENCE.

I.

"To Mr. Bitrake—Private and confidential—Sir: I understand that your connection with the law does not exclude your occasional superintendence of confidential inquiries which are not of a nature to injure your professional position. The inclosed letter of introduction will satisfy you that I am incapable of employing your experience in a manner unbecoming to you or to myself.

"The inquiry that I propose to you relates to a gentleman named Winterfield. He is now staying in London, at Derwent's hotel, and is expected to remain there for a week from the present date. His place of residence is on the North Devonshire coast, and is well known in that locality by the name of Beaupark House.

"The range of my proposed inquiry dates back over the last four or five years—certainly not more. My object is to ascertain, as positively as may be, whether, within this limit of time, events in Mr. Winterfield's life have connected him with a young lady named Miss Stella Evrecourt. If this proves to be the case it is essential that I should be made acquainted with the whole of the circumstances.

"I have now informed you of all that I want to know. Whatever the information may be, it is most important that it shall be information which I can implicitly trust. Please address to me, when you write, under cover to the friend whose letter I inclose.

"I beg your acceptance—as time is of importance—of a check for preliminary expenses, and remain, sir, your faithful servant,

"AMBROSE BENWELL."

II.

"*To the Secretary, Society of Jesus, Rome.*

"I inclose a receipt for the remittance which your last letter confides to my care. Some of the money has been already used in prosecuting inquiries, the result of which will, as I hope and believe, enable me to effectually protect Romayne from the advances of the woman who is bent on marrying him.

"You tell me that our Reverend Fathers, lately sitting in council on the Vange Abbey affair, are anxious to hear if any positive steps have yet been taken toward the conversion of Romayne. I am happily able to gratify their wishes, as you shall now see.

"Yesterday I called at Romayne's hotel to pay one of those occasional visits which help to keep up our acquaintance. He was out, and Penrose (for whom I asked next) was with him. Most fortunately, as the event proved, I had not seen Penrose, or heard from him, for some little time, and I thought it desirable to judge for myself of the progress that he was making in the confidence of his employer. I said I would wait. The hotel servant knows me by sight. I was shown into the waiting-room.

"This room is so small as to be a mere cupboard. It is lit by a glass fanlight over the door which opens from the passage, and is supplied with air (in the absence of a fireplace) by a ventilator in a second door, which communicates with Romayne's study. Looking about me, so far, I crossed to the other end of the study and discovered a dining-room and two bedrooms beyond—the set of apartments being secluded, by means of a door at the end of the passage, from the other parts of the hotel. I trouble you with these details in order that you may understand the events that followed.

"I returned to the waiting room, not forgetting, of course, to close the door of communication.

"Nearly an hour must have passed before I heard footsteps in the passage. The study door was opened, and the voices of the persons entering the room reached me through the ventilator. I recognized Romayne, Penrose—and Lord Loring.

"The first words exchanged among them informed me that Romayne and his secretary had overtaken Lord Loring in the street as he was approaching the hotel-door. The three had entered the house together—at a time, probably, when the servant who had admitted me was out of the way. However it may have happened, there I was, forgotten in the waiting-room!

"Could I intrude myself (on a private conversation, perhaps)—as an unannounced and unwelcome visitor? And could I help it, if the talk found its way to me through the ventilator, along with the air that I breathed? If our Reverend Fathers think I was to blame, I bow to any reproof which their strict sense of propriety may inflict on me. In the meantime I beg to repeat the interesting passages in the conversation, as nearly word for word as I can remember them.

"His lordship, as the principal personage in social rank, shall be reported first. He said: 'More than a week has passed, Romayne, and we have neither seen you nor heard from you. Why have you neglected us?'

"Here, judging by certain sounds that followed, Penrose got up discreetly, and left the room. Lord Loring went on.

"He said to Romayne: 'Now we are alone, I may speak to you more freely. You and Stella seemed to get on together admirably that evening when you dined with us. Have you forgotten what you told me of her influence over you, or have you altered your opinion—and is that the reason why you keep away from us?'

"Romayne answered: 'My opinion remains unchanged. All that I said to you of Miss Eyrecourt, I believe as firmly as ever.'

"'His lordship remonstrated, naturally enough. "Then why remain away from the good influence? Why—if it really can be controlled—risk another return of that dreadful nervous delusion?"

"'"I have had another return."

"'"Which, as you yourself believe, might have been prevented! Romayne, you astonish me.'

"There was a time of silence before Romayne answered this. He was a little mysterious when he did reply. 'You know the old saying, my good friend—of two evils, choose the least. I bear my sufferings as one of two evils, and the least of the two.'

"Lord Loring appeared to feel the necessity of touching a delicate subject with a light hand. He said, in his pleasant way, 'Stella isn't the other evil, I suppose?'

"'Most assuredly not!'

"'Then what is it?'

"Romayne answered, almost passionately, 'My own weakness and selfishness! Faults which I must resist, or become a mean and heartless man. For me the worst of the two evils is there. I respect and admire Miss Eyrecourt—I believe her to be a woman in a thousand—don't ask me to see her again! Where is Penrose? Let us talk of something else.'

"Whether this wild way of speaking offended Lord Loring, or only discouraged him, I cannot say. I heard him take his leave in these words: 'You have disappointed me, Romayne. We will talk of something else the next time we meet.' The study door was opened and closed. Romayne was left by himself.

"Solitude was apparently not to his taste, just then. I heard him call to Penrose. I heard Penrose ask: 'Do you want me?'

"Romayne answered: 'God knows I want a friend—and I have no friend near me but you? Major Hynd is away, and Lord Loring is offended with me.'

"Penrose asked why.

"Romayne, thereupon, entered on the necessary explanation. As a priest, writing to priests, I pass over details utterly uninteresting to us. The substance of what he said amounted to this: Miss Eyrecourt had produced an impression on him which was new to him in his experience of women. If he saw more of her, it might end—I ask your pardon for repeating the ridiculous expression—in his 'falling in love with her.' In this condition of mind or body, whichever it may be, he would probably be incapable of the self control which he had hitherto practiced. If she consented to devote her life to him, he might accept the cruel sacrifice. Rather than do this, he would keep away from her for her dear sake—no matter what he might suffer or whom he might offend.

"Imagine any human being, out of a lunatic asylum, talking in this way. Shall I own to you, my reverend colleague, how this curious self exposure struck me? As I listened to Romayne, I felt grateful to the famous council, which definitely forbade the priests of the Catholic Church to marry. We might otherwise have been morally enervated by the weakness which degrades Romayne—and priests might have become instruments in the hands of women.

"But you will be anxious to hear what Penrose did under the circumstances. For the moment, I can tell you this, he startled me.

"Instead of seizing the opportunity, and directing Romayne's mind to the consolations of religion, Penrose actually encouraged him to reconsider his decision. All the weakness of my poor little Arthur's character showed itself in his next words.

"He said to Romayne: 'It may be wrong in me to speak to you as freely as I wish to speak. But you have so generously admitted me to your confidence—you have been so considerate and so kind toward me—that I feel an interest in your happiness, which, perhaps makes me over bold. Are you very sure that some such entire change in your life as your marriage might not end in delivering you from your burden? If such a thing could be, is it wrong to suppose that your wife's good influence over you might be the means of making your marriage a happy one? I must not presume to offer an opinion on such a subject. It is only my gratitude, my true attachment to you that ventures to put the question. Are you conscious of having given this matter—so serious a matter for you—sufficient thought?'

"Make your mind easy, reverend sir! Romayne's answer set everything right.

"He said: 'I have thought of it till I could think no longer. I still believe that sweet woman might control the torment of the voice. But could she deliver me from the remorse perpetually gnawing at my heart? I feel as murderers feel. In taking another man's life—a man who has not even injured me!—I have committed the one unatonable and unpardonable sin. Can any human creature's influence make me forget that? No more of it—no more. Come! Let us take refuge in our books.'

"Those words touched Penrose in the right place. Now, as I understand his scruples, he felt that he might honorably speak out. His zeal more than balanced his weakness, as you will presently see.

"He was loud, he was positive, when I heard him next. 'No!' he burst out, 'your refuge is not in books, and not in barren religious forms. Dear master, the peace of mind which you believe you have lost forever, you find again in the divine wisdom and compassion of the Holy Catholic Church. There is the new life that will yet make you a happy man!'

"I repeat what he said, so far, merely to satisfy you that we can trust his enthusiasm when it is once roused. Nothing will discourage, nothing will defeat him now. He spoke with all the eloquence of conviction—using the necessary arguments with a force and feeling which I have rarely heard equaled. Romayne's silence vouched for the effect on him. He is not the man to listen patiently to reasoning which he thinks he can overthrow.

"Having heard enough to satisfy me that Penrose had really begun the good work, I quietly slipped out of the waiting-room, and left the hotel.

"To-day being Sunday, I shall not lose a post if I keep my letter open until to-morrow. I have already sent a note to Penrose, asking him to call on me at his earliest convenience. There may be some more news for you before post time.

"Monday, 10 A.M.

"There is more news. Penrose has just left me.

"His first proceeding, of course, was to tell me what I had already discovered for myself. He is modest, as usual, about the prospect of success which awaits him. But he has induced Romayne to suspend his historical studies for a few days, and to devote his attention to the books which we are accustomed to recommend for perusal in such cases as his. This is unquestionably a great gain at starting.

"But my news is not an end yet. Romayne is actually playing our game—he has resolved definitely to withdraw himself from the influence of Miss Eyrecourt. In another hour he and Penrose will have left London. Their destination is kept a profound secret. All letters addressed to Romayne are to be sent to his bankers.

"The motive for this sudden resolution is directly traceable to Lady Loring.

"Her ladyship called at the hotel yesterday evening, and had a private interview with Romayne. Her object, no doubt, was to shake his resolution, and to make him submit himself again to Miss Eyrecourt's fascinations. What means of pursuasion she used to effect this purpose is of course unknown to us. Penrose saw Romayne after her ladyship's departure, and describes him as violently agitated. I can quite understand it. His resolution to take refuge in secret flight (it is really nothing less) speaks for itself as to the impression produced on him, and the danger from which, for the time at least, we have escaped.

"Yes! I say 'for the time at least.' Don't let our reverend fathers suppose that the money expended on my private inquiries has been money thrown away. Where these miserable love affairs are concerned, women are daunted by no adverse circumstances, and warned by no defeat. Romayne has left London in dread of his own weakness—we must not forget that. The day may yet come when nothing will interpose between us and failure but my knowledge of events in Miss Eyrecourt's life.

"For the present there is no more to be said."

CHAPTER XI.—STELLA ASSERTS HERSELF.

Two days after Father Benwell had posted his letter to Rome, Lady Loring entered her husband's study and asked eagerly if he had heard any news of Romayne.

Lord Loring shook his head.

"As I told you yesterday," he said, "the proprietor of the hotel can give me no information. I went myself this morning to the bank rs, and saw the head partner. He offered to forward letters, but he could do no more. Until further notice, he was positively enjoined not to disclose Romayne's address to anybody. How does Stella bear it?"

"In the worst possible way," Lady Loring answered. "In silence."

"Not a word even to you?"

"Not a word."

At that reply the servant interrupted them by announcing the arrival of a visitor, and presenting his card. Lord Loring started and handed it to his wife. The card bore the name of "Major Hynd," and this line was added in pencil: "On business connected with Mr. Romayne."

"Show him in directly!" cried Lady Loring.

Lord Loring remonstrated.

"My dear, perhaps I had better see this gentleman alone?"

"Certainly not—unless you wish to drive me into committing an act of the most revolting meanness! If you send me away, I shall listen at the door."

Major Hynd was shown in, and was duly presented to Lady Loring. After making the customary apologies, he said:

"I returned to London last night expressly to see Romayne on a matter of importance. Failing to discover his present address at the hotel, I had the hope that your lordship might be able to direct me to our friend."

"I am sorry to say I know no more than you do," Lord Loring replied. "Romayne's present address is a secret confided to his bankers and to no one else. I will give you their names if you wish to write to him."

Major Hynd hesitated. "I am not quite sure that it would be discreet to write to him under the circumstances."

Lady Loring could no longer keep silence. "Is it possible, Major Hynd, to tell us what the circumstances are?" she asked. "I am almost as old a friend of Romayne as my husband—and I am very anxious about him."

The major looked embarrassed. "I can scarcely answer your ladyship," he said, "without reviving painful recollections—"

Lady Loring's impatience interrupted the major's apologies. "Do you mean the duel?" she inquired.

Lord Loring interposed. "I should tell you, Major Hynd, that Lady Loring is as well informed as I am of what happened at Boulogne, and of the deplorable result so far as Romayne is concerned. If you will wish to speak to me privately, I will ask you to accompany me into the next room."

Major Hynd's embarrassments vanished. "After what you tell me," he said, "I hope to be favored with Lady Loring's advice. You both know that Romayne fought the fatal duel with the son of the French General who had challenged him. When we returned to England we heard that the General and his family had been driven away from Boulogne by pecuniary difficulties. Romayne, against my advice, wrote to the surgeon who had been present at the duel, desiring that the General's place of retreat might be discovered, and expressing his wish to assist the family anonymously, as their Unknown Friend. The motive, of course, was, in his own words, 'to make some little atonement to the poor people whom he had wronged.' I thought it a rash proceeding at the time, and I am confirmed in my own opinion by a letter from the surgeon, received yesterday. Will you kindly read it to Lady Loring?"

He handed the letter to Lord Loring. Translated from the French, it ran as follows:

"SIR—I am at last able to answer Mr. Romayne's letter definitely, with the courteous assistance of the French consul in London, to whom I applied, when other means of investigation had produced no result.

"A week since the General died. Circumstances connected with the burial expenses informed the consul that he had taken refuge from his creditors, not in France as we supposed, but in London. The address is No. 10 Camp's Hill Islington. I should also add that the General, for obvious reasons, lived in London under the assumed name of Marillac. It will be necessary, therefore, to inquire for his widow by the name of Madam Marillac.

"You will perhaps be surprised to find that I address these few lines to you instead of to Mr. Romayne. The reason is soon told.

"I was acquainted with the late General—as you know—at a time when I was not aware of the company that he kept, or into the deplorable errors into which his love of gambling had betrayed him. Of his widow and his children I know absolutely nothing. Whether they have resisted the contaminating influence of the head of the household, or whether poverty and bad example combined have hopelessly degraded them, I cannot say. There is at least a doubt whether they are worthy of Mr. Romayne's benevolent intentions toward them. As an honest man, I cannot feel this doubt, and reconcile it to my conscience to be the means, however indirectly, of introducing them to Mr Romayne. To your discretion I leave it to act for the best, after this warning."

Lord Loring returned the letter to Major Hynd.

"I agree with you," he said. "It is more than doubtful whether you would do right to communicate this information to Romayne."

Lady Loring was not quite of her husband's opinion.

"While there is a doubt about these people," she said, "it seems only just to find out what sort of character they bear in the neighborhood. In your place, Major Hynd, I should apply to the person in whose house they live, or to the tradespeople whom they have employed."

"I am obliged to leave London again to-day," the major replied; "but on my return I will certainly follow your ladyship's advice."

"And you will let us know the result?"

"With the greatest pleasure."

Major Hynd took his leave.

"I think you will be responsible for wasting the major's time," said Lord Loring, when the visitor had retired.

"I think not," said Lady Loring.

She rose to leave the room.

"Are you going out?" her husband asked.

"No. I am going upstairs to Stella."

(*To be continued.*)

FIGHTING DEATH.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF A WESTERN STORM.

Judge McKinney of Cleveland received a letter from Chief Justice Wade of Montana, dated at Helena, January 2, in which the latter gives an account of his recent terrible experience in journeying from Dillon, Montana, to Helena, a distance of 120 miles, in a blinding snowstorm. Leaving the former town in a stage coach with the thermometer 15 degrees below zero, they traveled to the first station, fifteen miles away, where they were overtaken by a fierce snowstorm, and the thermometer fell to 30 degrees below. The passengers consisted of three gentlemen and a lady. From here the journey was continued, the storm increasing every moment.

Shortly after dark the driver lost the road, and for eight hours the travelers wandered about the prairies in a partially frozen state, battling with the elements for their very lives, and after a hard struggle, frequently almost giving up here and yielding to the cold, they at last managed to reach the next station, which was sixty miles from Helena.

Continuing his letter, Judge Wade says:—

"We reached the station at 12.30 o'clock at night. I went to bed in a room with an inch of snow on the floor, and it was almost as uncomfortable as being out in the storm. I believe that I would much rather freeze out on the prairie than in bed.

"We concluded not to undertake another night ride, especially as we had to go over two ranges of mountains to reach Helena, and so let the coach that came in that afternoon start back without us. It was well we did, for it was from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 3 in the morning in going seventeen miles.

"The day we remained at the station the coach came down from Helena on runners, and the next morning we started in this open sleigh for Helena, the thermometer standing, when we left, 40 degrees below zero. We had six good horses and not much load. The snow was two feet on the level, but we could follow the track it made the day before in coming down to the station. Soon we passed over the Boulder range of mountains. Besides the mountains always there, we found mountains of snow. It seemed as though the earth was wrapped in its everlasting winding sheet. The day was still and clear. The silence of the mountains was oppressive. It seemed as though the earth was dead.

"Helena at 6 o'clock in the evening, the thermometer standing when we arrived at 30 degrees below zero and went down to 40 below before morning, I found the town buried in snow. I have been here ten years and never saw anything like it."

BRICKS OF MUD.

In the antiquity of the brick as a building material it is needless, nor is it indeed our intention, to insist. The great national collections of Europe, the British museum foremost in the number, show us bricks, sun dried and baked, from the ruins of Nineveh, and from the days of that city to the present moment bricks have never ceased to be an important instrument in the hands of the builder. That throughout Asia Minor they were largely employed we have seen, only very recently, proved in these columns; M. Rayet, in his work on Miletus, having shown that the far-famed palace of Crœsus was built of no more costly materials than honest bricks. What these bricks were, and their quality, are even to this day appreciated by the natives, who for many centuries have plundered the ruins to build or to patch up their own even more ruinous houses. The use of bricks among the Romans, who largely employed them as building materials, as we see in the familiar instance of the temple of Concord, has been more than once the subject of the inquiry of industrious antiquaries, for the Romans were not content with producing the flat, tile-like brick which is so often to be met with in the lower portions of antique structures scattered over the empire, and that are known in England, but their bricks were indelibly stamped with the mark of their maker, the names of the reigning consul and sometimes the year. From this source, then, more than one patient archæologist has gathered a rich store of information. But few inquirers have ventured far on the apparently arid and difficult road which has hence remained little explored.

IN PRISON

AND MAKING DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE.

During the last two years of the war a thousand Michigan soldiers found their way to the famous stockade at Andersonville, and a number were there when the great gates opened for the last time. Some of the boldest plots to escape were laid in detail by Wolverines, and some of the longest tunnels were dug by them.

Two of these tunnels were remarkable affairs. It took prisoners with stout hearts to even begin one. The only utensils for digging were knives, sticks, spoons and the like. At the best, no tunnel could lead to liberty in a shorter distance than 200 feet. The first one dug by Michigan prisoners was over 400 feet long, and the work was all done by four men. On the night that it was completed three of the four prisoners and tollers were too ill to pass out. The fourth crawled along the dark hole to liberty, got away to the woods, and for an hour was happy in the thought that he was free. Then he began to realize the distance to the Union lines and the perils and privations between, and he was so discouraged that he returned to the tunnel and rejoined his comrades. Later in the night a dozen New Yorkers passed out, but all were recaptured before noon next day.

A second tunnel, begun by five men, struck an immense rock after running twenty-eight feet. They dug to the left eight feet to avoid this, went ahead six feet, and then turned to the right eight feet to get in line. They had only gone ahead fourteen feet when they struck quick-sand, and they dug to the right six feet, ahead ten feet, and six feet back to left. Thus they dug a distance of eighty-six feet to make a line of forty-two, and their troubles were not yet ended. After weary weeks of painful work they struck the stockade so high that the earth caved from the surface. All was consternation and despair, but though the cave opened a hole as big as a hat right under the eyes of the guard not one of them saw it. After going down under the logs the boys had to tunnel in a horizontal direction about fifty feet. When all was ready for escape six men passed out, and the seventh was seized and the alarm given by a confederate hospital steward who happened to be passing over the ground. Of the six who got out four were too weak to get more than a mile away, and the other two were not five miles distant when recaptured.

A third tunnel, started by Michigan men, and in which over 100 prisoners were interested, was betrayed to the confederates by a member of the 3d Michigan infantry, who enlisted from Eaton county. The sneak gave the boys away hoping to better his own condition. After two or three attempts had been made to kill him he was taken from the stockade and made to do dirty work outside, and though he perhaps fared a trifle better than the brave boys in the pen, he realized that he was beneath the notice of any decent soldier on either side. After the war he made his appearance in Eaton county, but four or five of the men he had betrayed in the stockade made the district so hot for him that he soon disappeared.

Some of the plans formed for escape were wild and desperate. A Michigan artillery man once enlisted 600 of the prisoners in his plot to rush upon the gates as they were opened to drive out the dead-carts. Not a man of them had any sort of a weapon, and yet it was expected that they would overpower the guard, capture the reserve, and set all prisoners free. Hopeless as the case seemed the plan would have been carried out had not the leader been taken outside to do duty in the hospital.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A STATESMAN'S DEATH.

On February 11, 1848, Adams was present in his seat with his wonted regularity, answered to his name, and voted. Near half-past one o'clock the speaker, being about to put a question, was interrupted by the members around Mr. Adams, who observed him to be in convulsions. It was his second stroke of paralysis. Some cried that he had fainted, others that he was dead. He was indeed dying in the harness. The House was hastily adjourned, and the unconscious statesman was borne to the Speaker's room, where he lay, past all medical aid, breathing but insensible, until the second day following, February 23, when he expired. His last audible words were: "This is the last of earth; I am content." Upon the tablet erected to his memory were inscribed in large letters the words "Alteri Sæculo." They were well selected; few men have left behind them a fame so sure to be magnified by the judgment of posterity as did John Quincy Adams. The motto was, however, less fortunately followed by the letters alpha and omega—certainly susceptible of an interpretation to which the distinguished family, wherein the deceased was, after all only a single link, might not unreasonably object.—*International Review.*

KNEW THE COMPANY.

Foote was talking away one evening at a dinner table of a man of rank, when, at the point of one of his best stories, one of the party interrupted him suddenly, with an air of most considerate apology: "I beg your pardon, Mr. Foote, but your handkerchief is half out of your pocket." "Thank you, sir," said Foote, replacing it, "you know the company better than I do," and finished his joke.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

GRANDMOTHER.

Grandma is old, and can only sit still
From morning till evening, day after day;
And, O, how lonely her life would be
Without her granddaughter, dear little May!

Grandma now cannot wait on herself;
Her sight is failing, her steps are slow;
But May has young hands that are willing to work,
And feet that are nimble and ready to go.

She never forgets that grandma should have
The pleasantest corner and easiest chair;
And no one can tell all the sweet, loving ways
By which she shows her affection and care.

And so, though grandma is feeble and old,
And growing more helpless day after day,
Her life is full of contentment and joy,
With her grandchild beside her,—dear little May.

ROBBIE'S RIDE.

Robbie's father was going to the city, and going on horseback too. Robbie wanted to go very much, but it was a long way. Robbie was very little, so he must stay at home with mother.

He watched his father ride away, and he did not cry, as everybody expected he would. Oh no, for a fine plan had crept into his small head.

After his father was out of sight, Robbie looked around until he found his stick-horse. He didn't look for his hat, for he didn't like to wear it. He only kept it on because mother said, if he did not, he must wear a bonnet.

So, in his red dress, Robbie went trotting off through the front gate. Nobody was on the watch just then, and Master Rob got well out of sight before anyone missed him.

He had made up his mind that he would go with father, and expected every moment to catch up with him.

The stick-horse trotted bravely along the muddy road. Father's horse had gone through the mud. Robbie could see the tracks of the hoofs; so he would not turn aside either, but splashed along through every mud-hole.

At last the stick-horse did not trot so merrily. He fell into a walk, for Robbie's shoes were so heavy with mud he could scarcely drag them out of each miry place. His hands were very red and cold too.

Surely he would soon find father, so he trudged along the muddy road.

At last he did see a man, and on horseback too. But he was coming towards Robbie. When at last he came up to the stick-horse and its tired rider, he stopped.

"Where are you going?" he asked of Robbie.

"I'm going after father, and he's gone to Richmond," said Robbie.

"Well, I wouldn't go any farther today," said the man. "You get up here in front of me, and we'll have a fine ride home."

At first Robbie did not want to turn back. But the kind neighbor persuaded him, and took him, muddy shoes, stick-horse, and all, safely home.

Whether mother had missed Robbie before he got back, I don't know. But I do know she was glad the stick-horse had not carried its little rider on any longer journey.

Robbie was washed and kissed and petted, but he never rode after father again.—*Our Little Ones.*

RELEASED.

A little swallow, flying about the college des quatre nations in Paris, one day, became entangled in a piece of thread that was fastened to a spout in the wall. It struggled to free itself, but in vain; and wearied by its efforts, it uttered piteous cries for help. In a short time all the swallows from between the point des Tuileries and pont Neuf had gathered about him, flying up and down with cries of pity and alarm, and seeming to consult together over means of releasing him. At last a brilliant thought struck one of the many hundreds of feathered friends, and in their own language he communicated it to the others. They all at once, placed themselves in order, and flying up, one after another, struck at the thread with their beaks. The tiny blows if given singly could never have broken the stubborn thread, but coming in quick succession, on the same spot, it was not long before the thread broke and the little captive was set free, amid the rejoicings and congratulations of its friends.

ITALIANIZED AMERICAN.

Perugini, the tenor of one of the opera troupe, is an American, really named Chatterton. He was born in New York, and when an infant was noted for his beauty. His proud mother won with him the prize offered by Barnum for the handsomest baby. Since he grew up he has done nearly everything in his profession, and only lately went on the lyric stage. At one time he was a regular ballet dancer, dressing up and going on in skirts and spangles. He was always noted for his feminine appearance, and while engaged many years ago with the Holman opera company, it is said, he always sang Sally Holman's roles whenever that prima was indisposed. A kind lady friend became deeply interested in his welfare and took him to Europe, where she supplied the wherewith for his musical education.

Something in that: Smith—Harder up than ever, old man? So am I." Jones—"Seen Spilkins lately?" Smith—"No; that small sum I borrowed of him has estranged us." Jones—"Ah, there's one comfort, dear boy; I and U will never be separated by an O."

JOHN HAWKINS,

FLORIST

—AND ARTISTIC—

Floral Decorator

—ALSO GROWER OF—

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NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

WEST RUMNEY.

Sleighing good yet.

Measles abating for want of subjects. Enough to go around however.

Hezekiah Swain had a light shock of paralysis sometime since.

John Ellsworth is quite sick from the effects of poison in the blood. He had a bad time last year and thought it was from the use of Paris Green, but Dr. Samborn, of Plymouth, being called thinks it animal poison rather than mineral caused by skinning a cow that died. People cannot be too careful in handling poison or in skinning animals that die without any special cause.

Mr. Fuller, son-in-law of A. T. Weeks, Esq., has paid a flying visit here. He lives in Hiawatha, Kansas. He says the winter is very severe there.

Susie C. Simpson has been at Concord visiting friends the past week.

We are blest in this town with one person of enterprise. I allude to Mrs. Josiah Quincy, Sr. She has helped until we have a fountain and a common well dotted with shade trees. She came to our end of the town last fall and with the boys in the Sabbath school class set out a number of shade trees beside the road, and now she wants the trees left where people are clearing near the highway, so they may make an agreeable shade for man and beast. Not contented with this she has invited the young and old to her house to a series of social assemblies, the proceeds of which are devoted to furnishing lanterns; two of which are placed at West Rumney already. After finishing here I understand she intends lighting up Rumney Depot. I hope she will continue in the good work until the whole town is lighted.

Mrs. Samuel Simpson, aunt of Judge Clifford, of the 7 to 8 notoriety, died last night from the effects of old age, she being 98 years and 10 months. She was the oldest person in town. She was mother of H. B. Simpson, who died last year and lived to see the 5th generation.

E. B. Hodge, of Plymouth, is at A. Dolloff's, Dorchester. He came near having the lung fever, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Simpson, grandmother of C. B. Simpson of this place, died Monday evening, the 7th, of old age. She was 78 years, 7 months, and 13 days old. We think she was the oldest person in town. Rev. Mr. Atkinson of Laconia, preached the funeral sermon.

Mrs. Jeremiah Colburn is very sick from the effects of the measles.

If you have any wagons that want repairing now is your time to take them to S. Adams and have them done Please don't forget that he cuts over old axles so they will run as good as new. W.

LACONIA.

The Laconia Car Company have just completed a Patent Dump Car for the New England Car Company. It was built by the Laconia Car Company and under the direct management of the Patentee, Mr. Martin Van Wormer and was completed Feb 5 On Monday it was tested after being loaded with coal in the car shop yard. It was dumped by Mr. Van Wormer with one hand. The car is 28 feet long and shaped like an ordinary platform car and is dumped by a screw gear and chain under the centre and lengthwise of it. It has a capacity of 12 tons, and is considered a success by the builders.

The Laconia Car Company have 5 passenger cars to build and a "baby" passenger for the Mount Washington R. R.

The grand event of the season will be the United Fire Department Ball at Folsom Hall, Laconia, Feb. 18. Music by the Cadet Band, of Boston, ten pieces. J. Thomas Baldwin, prompter.

Frank Sanborn, an employee of the Car Shop came near meeting with a sad accident on Monday last by being struck in the face with a bar of red hot iron, that was heated to weld.

Gardner caught a trout on the bay that weighed five pounds, and one that weighed three and one half less, on Monday. He expects to attend to the fishing business now, having graduated at the Car shop.

W. H. Philbrick was elected and installed as Worthy Patriarch of Star of Hope Division, No. 47, S. of T.

The Good Templars initiated 18 on Saturday evening. They have a member ship now of 44, and only two weeks old. W. A. C.

HOLDERNESS.

Mr. Henry Huckins has been quite unwell for the few days past.

Mr. Perkins Moulton has been confined to the house the greater part of this winter and is still in a very feeble state of health.

It is quite sickly with fevers and lung disease in this vicinity at the present time.

Mr. Clark, a student of New Hampton seminary is expected to preach at the North Holderness church next Sabbath.

Mrs. Edward Lowd died Monday morning about 1 o'clock, after a brief illness of three days duration. Thus friends and neighbors are passing away.

It may be rather late, but Mrs. G. W. Shepherd had a Christmas present of a black walnut parlor set.

Glove makers can't get half enough gloves to make around here.

Mrs. Edward Lowd died Sunday night of inflammation of the bowels. We understand she was a very fine woman. Her son is quite sick with sores in his head.

Daniel B. Avery is sick and threatened with fever.

George L. Shepard has cut his foot quite badly, which confines him to the house. N.

ASHLAND.

It was morn and the crafty landlord rubbed his eyes,
The kitchen girl was warming the breakfast pies,
The landlord's work was going on to suit him,
So he did not hurry to up and dress and "boot him;"
And resting on his elbow there in bed,
He planned a way to rouse the dead man overhead.
Now of per-picuity he is not wholly lacking,
But this little trick gave his brain an awful racking;
Predicting true if well put through 'twould make a small sensation,
And through the same he made an aim to raise his extermination.

He rose and sauntered out to put in execution,
And Gossip stood with eager haste to give it distribution;
He met close by, his neighbor Hi, and told a solemn story,
How that up in bed, a man was dead, and then he walked off slowly;
He also said he called him loud, and shook the door like fury,
And thought the case would entertain a lawyer, Judge and jury;
With trembling haste and breathless, with Hiram on before,
They hurried to the bedroom and rapped upon the door.
He hit so hard, did Cotton's pard, that only sight was needed,
The deaf and dumb, to the door did come, and Cotton's pard was "headed."

Mr. Ensley G. Andrews, aged 75 years' died on Sunday the 6th after a very singular and somewhat extended illness, living almost 33 days without taking nourishment.

We are beginning to feel business prospects brighten; a decided want of tenement houses. People are inquiring and calling for a good grade of houses and quite a number are debarred the privilege of living in Ashland because they cannot hire a house to suit them. Now it is hoped that our monied men will come to their relief and erect a few cozy cottages this spring, and they will not only enhance the value of other property but they will realize a handsome profit.

School closed the 4th after a very satisfactory term, and a school meeting was held for the election of two members of the Board of Education on the following day. A. R. Garey was elected and Dexter Sanborn re-elected and a necessary fund was voted to be raised to cancel the rest of the debt, which amounts to about $2500. OLD ZEBEE COON.

The Village School closed Feb. 4 with an examination in the Higher Grammar Dept The Roll of Honor in the various depts., is as follows:

Primary Department.—Mary Andrew, Mary Fleming, Mary Rogers, Inez Heath.

Intermediate Department.—Charles Peaslee, Emma Dorsay, Georgiana Lupine, Lulu Heath, Edith Sanborn, Lizzie Lupine.

Grammar Department.—Willie Sweeney, Mary Currier, Mary Horrigon, Gertie Harriman, Sara Andrew, Inez Andrews, Alice Dearborn, Lucy Hughes, Maggie Horrigon, Katie O'Neill, Willie Smith, Lillian Andrews, Clara Harriman, Mamie Sweeney.

Higher Grammar Department.—W. F. Brown, Evie D. Howe, Sheldon E. Ellis, Leon R. Page, Jerry Sullivan.

There was a Promenade Concert at the Town Hall, by the Ashland Band, Feb. 4; a surprise party at Rev. C. D. Dudley's, Feb. 8, and a sociable and supper at the Town Hall by the F. B. Circle, Feb. 7.

The Rev. C. D. Dudley and wife left town Friday, to the regret of their many friends.

An old and respected citizen, Mr. E. G. Andrews, died last Sunday morning, after a long and painful illness. He was buried Wednesday P. M. He leaves six children. R.

Hodgdon & Pollard are making an addition to their store of two large show windows.

Edward Brown of this place has a Masonic book which is 147 years old.

Social Assembly at the Squam Lake House next Monday evening. Tickets for Dancing 50 cents. C. H. Colby, prompter. W.

At the School meeting last Saturday afternoon, Dexter Sanborn was re-elected and Dr. A. R. Garey elected to fill the vacancy. There was plenty of sharp-shooting during the meeting. S. C. Baker introduced a resolution, instructing the teacher to devote two hours of each week to the cause of Temperance. It was passed. FELIX.

Next Wednesday the Earnest Workers hold an "opening" of so varied a character that we hope all may be suited.

The Quadrille Band will furnish music, several of our members and friends will have songs, recitations and a pantomime.

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Last and most pitiful will be the veritable "Old Woman in the Shoe" vouched for by Mother Goose.

The Earnest Workers have undertaken the great work of building a Vestry for St. Mark's Church.

It is only three months since the society revived and we are still few in number and weak in resources.

The help of all who approve of our object is cordially invited and will be gratefully received.

Thanking our friends of the F. B. Society, and the citizens generally, for their generous assistance about buying our organ in '74, we earnestly hope they may favor us now with the encouragement of their presence and patronage at our Opening, Feb. 16.

E. W.

WOODSTOCK.

Two or three of our young ladies struck for high education one of those cold days.

Lewis H. Bagley has been home visiting from Tunnel Stream, where he has been at work.

It is said that there is going to be a minister in town soon. PUMPKIN HEAD.

It is very pleasant weather after a blow of six days and nights, the coldest time ever known in this town. The roads are very bad; some of them are not broken out so teams can pass; others are not much better.

Benjamin Merrill, they think will lose his eyesight in the one that got hurt at Benton a few weeks ago,

Mrs. Frank Blood is quite sick with asthma.

M. A. Dearborn has had a severe attack of erysipelas, but she is out again.

Mrs. R. M. B. Sellingham and daughter have gone to Boston.

Daniel Dearborn has a Plymouth Rock hen that weighs 8 lbs.

Morrill Smith is quite low with a cancer on his face. CORSP.

WARREN.

Our winter schools have closed; think they have been successful as could be expected in such a severe winter. If the parents would visit the schools oftener it would encourage the scholars as well as the teacher.

A daughter of Andrew Bracey, about ten years of age, in company with three other children all younger than herself, took a lighted candle into the cellar, and like all other children when together were having a little fun, when her clothes took fire, frightening the children; all began to scream and run up stairs; when she reached her mother she threw herself in her arms; Mrs. Bracey quickly tore off her clothes, and by so doing she burned her fingers badly on one hand while the child escaped unharmed.

Deacon Newell Berry died Feb. 5 at the advanced age of 90 years and 5 months. The aged companion, three children and companions and the widow of one son were present at the funeral, with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But few people live to such an advanced age as did Mr. Berry and be as active as he has been. His hearing has been impaired for a number of years, but his mind clear and body strong. A.

A very successful concert by the Methodist Sabbath School was held in the church on Sunday evening. The audience was quite large and appreciative. The committee, Mrs. J. S. Jewett and Mrs. Frank Clement are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

There was quite a pleasant gathering at the Methodist parsonage on Tuesday evening, to witness the marriage ceremony of Mr. William F. Gale and Miss Belle K. Simpson. The bride was handsomely attired in navy blue cashmere suit, with train, and trimmed with silk and velvet to match. The ladies all declared that the groom looked "just nice."

The Ladies' Sociable was greeted with an audience of about two hundred at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening. The chief attraction was the manufacturing of cream candy by Mrs. A. Bracey. Twenty pounds of granulated sugar was used and when the candy was all sold the people were still waiting to purchase more. The proceeds were: collection, $3.94; sale of candy, $6.88. Misses Mamie Clement and Susey B. Merrill each recited a piece very nicely. VERETAS.

CENTRE HARBOR.

The weather has been severely cold for some weeks, the mercury standing generally at zero. At three different times, the lowest point was from 13 to 14 degrees below.

There has been sickness in a neighborhood two and three miles distant. Four children have died, aged from one to ten years from a throat disease. One little girl who appeared much better said to her mother, "I am going to die," disposed of her playthings, as soon after grew worse, and the next day she died

A boy living on the Neck went gunning, and the gun accidentally exploded, injuring him very severely in the face.

The house of Mr. Marcus, the New York millionaire, was finished the middle of January. It stands on an eminence overlooking quite an area of country. From the bread plazzas and ample bay-windows the view is most enchanting. The hall is especially unique. It is furnished with an open fire-place, elaborately finished with carved work and the ceiling is in old English style.

The Ladies' Society hold their sociables bi-monthly, which are well attended.

R. A. B.

BRIDGEWATER.

Lyceum met as per adjournment. R. J. Pillsbury, President. Gardner, instead of Sarah Upham, Secretary. The following question was discussed: Resolved that women are better qualified to hold office than men. Disputants, A. B. Dalton and F. A. Upham, affirmative; V. Dalton, D. Batchelder, negative. Decided in the affirmative. And then came recitations by Carrie and Anna Dalton, dialogues by Misses Abbie Barnard and Ida Pillsbury and others, and the 3rd edition of the Evening Star by Miss Laura Whitemore, all of which were very finely rendered; especially the recitations by little Anna Dalton, who is not yet four years old and who rendered two pieces of several verses each without being prompted. The programme for next week is here given. Question; Resolved that it is more profitable to do our farm work with cattle than horses. Disputants C. Fletcher, D. Batchelder, affirmative; G. Fletcher, V. Dalton, negative. Dialogues, etc. Adjourned to meet in one week. F. A.

THORNTON.

Old Uncle Ben Connor departed from this world of suffering Sabbath morning, February 6th, at 10 o'clock, aged 80 years, 6 days. He has been a great sufferer for several months, his disease being dry mortification. He has always been a very industrious man as a blacksmith. A good neighbor has fallen.

A daughter of A. H. Kendall while at play fell upon the eye of a needle which Mrs. Kendall thinks is in her thigh, as it is very painful, the needle being broken.

George R. Pattee and wife have returned home after an absence of 10 days, visiting friends in Bristol and at Franklin Falls.

Rev. J. P. Topping's congregation has not had a hundred at any one Sabbath for 12 Sabbaths. Highest number 95, lowest 33. E.

RUMNEY.

Henry Elliott had the misfortune, one day last week, to have one of his front teeth broken off while yoking a steer.

Hudson McAllister lost a nice cow of overflow of the gaul, last Saturday.

The first car load of pegs was sent away Tuesday, Mr. Davis escorting it. He has commenced work with the good wishes of the town and success will follow him. He is intending to open a sales room in Boston soon.

W. H. Elliott has returned from Lynn where he has been stopping since fall.

The First Baptist Society met at the vestry Wednesday evening. Although rather an inclement night it was well attended.

Eugene Peppard is slowing recovering. R.

WENTWORTH.

Owing to the severity of the weather, the installation of the officers of the I. O. G. T. was postponed until Feb. 8, when they were installed by D. G. W. C. T. Hiram D. Morey. Auburn L. Simons, P. W. C. T; Frank E. Webster, W. C. T; Mrs. H. A. Cogswell, W. V. T; Addie A Libbey, W. S.; H. D. Morey, A. S.; A. M. Cogswell, F. S.; Mrs. A. B. Stanyan, W. T.; Edward G. Tenney, W. C., Walter Kimball, W. M.; Lettie Kimball, D. M.; Stephen J. Davis, O. G.; Nellie Ellsworth, I. G.; E. G. Tenney, Organist.

The Good Templars propose having an Oyster supper, Tuesday evening, Feb. 15. TEMPLAR.

CAMPTON.

The storekeepers here are satisfied with the volume of trade falling to their share. E. F. Emerson, who is rapidly increasing his business reports that he is running his sash, door, blind and finished lumber mill to its fullest capacity, the only drawback being the lack of power through the low water in Mad River, which, by the way, is anything but "mad" now, for it was never in a gentler mood. Mr. Emerson not only turns out building, but also supplies *burying* materials of a substantial description. His caskets are becoming well known for excellence of finish, and are placed at prices in accord with the style required. One order Mr. Emerson has recently filled was 126 pairs of oxen blinds for the Black Mountain House. With this and other prospering manufacturies all running full time, the village is a fruitful vine.

There was a slight *fracas* here this week between two well-known men, originating from a difference of opinion as to the length of some wood one had sold to the other. It may not be out of place to tender to the belligerents the advice that as a very small quantity of oil poured upon stormy waters will quickly smooth them it would be better for all concerned if the temper was kept under greater control. The after annoyance those who are apt to "show their muscles" upon a slight provocation must certainly exceed the value of a paltry dollar or two. UBIQUITOUS.

In the last issue of your paper we noticed an item in regard to the attempt to get Rev. J. B. Breed back as pastor of the Baptist church in Campton Village. We also noticed that an item similar to yours, though more erroneous, appeared in one or two other papers in the same week, they all evidently being written by the same person. As the items in question are liable to lead to wrong conclusions, we would desire a brief space in your paper to set them right, and we think we can speak authoratatively as we are one of the "religious magnates" and a Democrat, whose soundness in the faith we think none will dare question while we live. The reasons why Mr. Breed was not engaged were not because he was a Democrat and a man of learning and liberality, neither because he is "tolerant of opinions honestly differing from his own," but because he informed us that he would not come unless we would agree to keep him five years, which any one, who is aware of the financial condition of the society, knows is an utter impossibility. Also past experience has taught us that he and the church can never agree, and that a house divided against itself must fall. These are the reasons why we objected to the gentleman, and we have reason to believe that all or nearly all were opposed to him on the same ground and not any of those stated by your correspondent, who we fancy is a member of neither church nor society.

ST. ELMO.

John G. Burbank has increased his slaughter list somewhat, since the previous report in the *Journal*. Commencing operations Nov. 1and ending Jan. 31, he has slaughtered 23 beeves and 38 swine. He gave it up that S. H. Palmer beat him a little before, but thinks he may lead him now. W.

EAST HEBRON.

We have had the hardest winter here for a number of years. It has not thawed since it began. The snow is very deep and there has not been any crossing the Lake. The people have had to stop teaming on the road from here to Bristol.

Mr. Beede is buying quite a lot of pine lumber this winter and is putting it on the Lake shore.

We have had quite a run of measles and whooping cough this winter.

The school in District No. 2 closes this week. It has been taught by Miss Hardy and they have had a very fine school.

Mr. Barnard is at work on his boarding house and he is going to have room for 40 or 50 boarders.

The Walker girls have gone to Lowell to work. G.

MARRIED.

In Lynn, Mass., Jan. 22, by Rev. Isaac Dunham of Bridgewater, Mass., Frank W. Merrill of Holderness and Miss Mary R. Marks of Lynn.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in St. Clair, Mich, Jan. 31, by the Rev. A. P. Flowers, Miss Susie L. Jones, of St. Clair to Mr. James B. Lucas, of Romeo. No cards.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Warren, Jan. 31, by the Rev. C. W. Dockrill, Mr. William H. H. Buzzell of New Hampton, and Miss Lizzie M. Bradford of Wentworth.

At the Methodist Parsonage, Warren, Feb. 8, by the Rev. C. W. Dockrill, Mr. William F. Gale and Miss Belle K. Simpson, all of Warren.

In Meredith Village, by Rev. J. Erskine, Mr. Charles R. Cox and Miss Ida M. Buzzell, both of Holderness.

DIED.

In Plymouth, Jan. 19, of pneumonia, Miss Sally Cummings, aged 76 years, 5 months.

In Plymouth, Feb. 4, Miss Lottie E. Hazelton, aged 20 years and 4 days.

In Centre Harbor, Feb. 1, Mr. Timothy Perkins, aged 91 years.

In Ashland, Feb. 6, Ensley G. Andrews aged 75 years, 4 months.

In Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4, Martin Hoyt Foss, aged 48 years, 10 months and 2 days. He was a native of Thornton.

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Dry wood has been selling for $6.00 per cord.

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THE FARM.

Beekeepers in southern Indiana say the cold weather has killed off most of the bees, and the outlook for honey in 1881 is discouraging.

A contract has just been agreed upon between the authorities of Florida and I. Coryel of Jacksonville and A. B. Linderman, representing capitalists of Philadelphia and the Pacific coast, to drain Lake Okeechobee in south Florida. This will reclaim 12,000,000 acres of the best sugar land in the world. The territory reclaimed will include the celebrated everglades and be in extent twice as large as the state of New Jersey. When this contract is carried out Florida can produce more sugar than the United States now consumes.

Iowa values her agricultural products last year at $254,779,543, of which $23,667,597 was represented by grain, hay and potatoes, $111,111,946 by live stock, and $20,000,000 by what her creameries produced. The creameries increased their products for the year nineteenfold. The 171 breweries turned out 222,713 barrels of beer, or six gallons for every man, woman and child in the state.

A movement was recently set afoot in the North and West in connection with the question of cheap transportation. The movement originated in the state of New York some three years ago, and was started to offset the exactions of the railroads controlled by Vanderbilt. It is an organization of agriculturists, and is called the farmers' alliance. The organization differs from the grange movement in that it takes decided action in endeavoring to secure legislation in the interest of the farmers, not by forming a new party or uniting with any party, but in controlling the various parties by demanding recognition as the leading class in the political world, and, from their numbers and their wealth, entitled to a fair representation. The alliance is said to be spreading rapidly all over the West, the extortions of the railroad companies and the prostitution of the taxing power being motive causes of the popularity of the movement.

A blacksmith, says that he sees a great improvement in the temper of the horses he shoes now as compared with the horses he shod a few years ago, because, as he said, owners are setting the horses better examples. The old maxim, "Like master like man," in its spirit, extends with even greater force to the animal creation than to man. "Lately," he said, "a horse came to my shop that was difficult of approach." "What have you done to this horse?" I asked the owner. "I have been mad with him; I lost my temper pretty often; and of course, he does not know what to expect from you, or anybody. The horse is not to blame; the fault is mine." This man was of the sort known as fractious, and wholly unfit to control others, whether man or beast; but he had the wit to see and the justice to acknowledge the truth. Of the civilizing influence of gentle manners, there is no evidence so decisive as that furnished by the lower creatures. Happy, indeed, are they, when owned by masters and mistresses whose "blood and judgment are so well commingled," that their rule is one of uniform justice, tempered with mercy.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

Referring to big trees, the American Register tells us that a grove of trees in California, consisting of 1680, contains not one which measures less than six feet in diameter. A rare and magnificent white oak is to be seen in the Quaker burying ground in Salem, N. Y. It is more than 200 years old, and is remarkable for its enormous branches, which have a spread of 112 feet. A remarkable chestnut tree is growing on a farm in Berks, Pa. It is nearly forty feet in circumference at the base, and the top of the tree can be reached by steps fastened between the limbs. Most remarkable of trees with a history is a russet apple tree in Skowhegan, Me., which was planted in 1762. In its branches a playroom for children has been built for half a century. The tree is seven feet from the ground to the branches, five in number, all of which are very large and average thirty feet in length, covering a space of ground sixty-three feet in diameter. It is more than four and a half feet in diameter, and has yielded an average of thirty bushels of apples each year. A sprout from this apple tree stands thirty-two feet from the parent stem, but is forty-eight years younger.

MOUNTAIN STORMS.

In the Rocky mountains electrical storms are of frequent occurrence. They consist of electrical displays without precipitation of rain, hail or snow. Usually, though not always, the sky is overcast. In February, 1880, a remarkable electrical excitation was manifest at Boulder, Col. The miners were unable to kindle fire in the stove till 11 o'clock in the morning, every attempt to touch the metal about the stove resulting in a severe electrical shock. With every strong gust of wind the manifestations were more marked. Similar reliable evidence comes to the writer from other parts of Colorado. Long's Peak, an isolated mountain, 14,271 feet high, is noted for these peculiar electrical manifestations. The density of electricity on the peaks, projecting so far above the general level of the earth's surface, is greater than elsewhere; hence they possess a power to discharge like points on an electrical conductor. The air and aqueous vapor become surcharged with electricity, and only a slight condensation, sufficient merely to form clouds without rain, serves to produce discharges of lightning. With heavy gusts of wind the charged air is removed, and a fresh supply is provided into which the peak again pours its electricity.—*Science Monthly.*

JOHN'S NEW OCCUPATION.

I have high authority for regarding Ah Sing, once he is out of his own flowery land, as being a fitting caretaker of the little ones, for is he not himself child-like and bland? I have long been of opinion, and indeed have said so on several occasions, that Jemimarun, the British female domestic, is in manifest peril, owing to her own short-comings, of being supplanted by servants from the East, and we notice that in the west end that mild Hindoo, the bearded follower of the Prophet, and John Chinaman, are gradually the place of the guard-loving nursemaid. We see Ah Sing in the parks every day now, and in Kensington garden especially, while Asia Minor, otherwise called Bayswater, is full of his compatriots. Truth to say, he seems to us a far more efficient nurse than most of the fiskmahoys—that is a Scottish word and explains itself—who neglect their little charges in favor of six-footers of the household brigade, or of Sir Edmund Henderson's merry men.—*London Society.*

NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

The prohibitory laws are so strictly enforced in Waterville that the college people are unable to obtain alcohol for scientific purposes.

Rev. E. C. Ingalls of Kinderhook, N. Y., has accepted a call to the Congregational church at South Paris.

There are 214,000 school-children in the state, that is those between 4 and 21, of whom but 49 per cent. attended school the past year. In 1879 the per cent was 50.

Crime is said to be decreasing in Penobscot county, there being but half the number of prisoners in jail that there were at the same time last year, and the number of commitments to jail in 1880 being 82 less than in 1879.

Rev. W. S. Vail has been called as pastor to the Universalist churches in Gardiner and Hallowell.

A Fryeburg man has a violin once owned by Count Rumford, the titled Yankee, and left by him in Concord, N. H. It is bruised and battered, but of a very sweet tone.

A Bucksport young man makes a business of shipping cats to Boston, where they are sold to grocery and grain dealers for ratters.

Cornish has a family of nine persons, each of whom plays on some different instrument, and who make a very good cornet band.

The state reform school has had 166 inmates during the past year, and asks for $29,000 for the next two years. The past year shows a deficit of $4000.

New Hampshire.

The stockholders of the New Hampshire fire insurance company have elected ex-Gov. James A. Weston president.

The register of deeds in Crafton county recently held to record after the woman's name these words: "And may the devil have mercy on your soul."

S. T. Beckford, postmaster at Milan, has been taken to Portsmouth charged with stealing $350 from a registered letter. He confessed it, settled the matter and tendered his resignation, but the department declined to receive it and has ordered his arrest.

The coroner's jury appointed to investigate the recent fire at the Strafford county poor-house found that the fire was caused by a furnace which was known to be out of repair. They severely censure the county representative delegation for not providing an abundance of water. After the discovery of the fire everything possible was done to rescue the inmates.

Strafford county has voted to rebuild at once the poor-house buildings, to be of the most approved kind, and provided with means to prevent a repetition of the late disaster.

The two-years old daughter of Lewis Brown of Bridgewater, has been probably fatally scalded by falling into a pail of hot water.

Michael Sullivan of Manchester, was recently struck by a descending elevator and fell about 45 feet, receiving fatal injuries.

Vermont.

A West Rutland man presents a most extraordinary example of self-denial, having requested the commissioner of pensions to withhold his pension, that it may go to others who are in greater want of it, and declaring that as long as he can work he does not want it.

An Addison man, who has been a habitual smoker for 52 years without missing a day, has laid aside his pipe for good, and says he has not the slightest inclination to use it.

It is reported that steps will be taken in the spring to extend the Montreal, Portland and Boston railroad from Freligisburg, P. Q., to Richford to connect with the Southeastern road, thus affording an outlet to Boston from the former.

It is now found that the last Legislature abolished the law providing for the salary and expenses for the superintendent of education, and Superintendent Dartt, now that he has finally accepted the office, finds himself in rather an embarrassing position.

Isle La Motte has authorized $7000 worth of town bonds to help build the bridge from the island to the mainland, in aid of which the state gives $7500.

In the town of Lincoln there are 16 saw-mills almost the entire production of which is drawn by teams to their markets at New Haven and Vergennes. The people in that vicinity are agitating for a railroad.

The Champlain Valley bee-keepers' association, which recently held a successful annual meeting at Brandon, has voted to hold its next meeting at Bristol May 19.

Massachusetts.

There were 660 fires in Boston last year, causing a loss of $1,125,594, on which there was an insurance of $5,829,941.

The reports of the annual convention of the Massachusetts department of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston recently showed 129 posts, with a membership of 8668, an increase of 675 during the past year.

The 144th anniversary of Tom Paine's birthday was celebrated at the Paine memorial building in Boston recently with addresses.

The body of Mrs. Elizabeth Gerrish, an old widow of East Salisbury, was found burned to a crisp lately where she had lived alone.

Rev. W. H. Pierson of the Broadway Congregational church of Somerville, preached his last sermon recently. The portion of the church which agrees with him has decided not to form an independent Unitarian church.

The Lowell Catholic societies have decided to have no parade on St. Patrick's day, but to take up contributions, to be sent to the land league in Dublin, Ireland.

The Boston city flour mills, said by the auctioneer to have cost $130,000, have been sold at auction for $2500.

Only 42 1-2 miles of new railroad were built in Massachusetts last year, 14 miles for the Massachusetts Central, 3 for the Nantasket Beach railroad, 19 1-2 for the New Haven and Northampton, from Northampton to Bardwell's Ferry, and 6 miles from South Deerfield to Turners Falls.

Rhode Island.

Pawtucket has settled for $7000 a claim of $25,000 to $56,000 brought against it by the contractors of its reservoir.

The body of an infant was found by the janitor of a school in Bristol the other day, neatly done up in a package and laid on a shelf. The matter will be investigated.

A council of Baptist ministers at West Exeter has decided that S. G. Tillinghast of the Baptist church of West Greenwich who was not regularly ordained, and advised him to withdraw.

The Atrate mining company sailed from Newport recently for South America.

The late Jonathan A. Eddy of Providence left 57 shares of bank stock, all his available property, to the home for aged women, the children's friend society and the home for aged men of Providence.

Col Potter, the news of whose murder has just come from New Mexico, was a step-son of Gov. Van Zandt, and was for two years on the personal staff of ex-Gov. Howard, and three on that of his step-father, and is spoken of as a generous, noble-hearted fellow, but impulsive, and his death was due to his rashness. He left Providence a year ago to look after some lands he owned.

Connecticut.

The Tolland county hotel, which is connected with the jail at Tolland, has been let to E. O. Dimock, clerk of the superior court, who will act as jailer. A curious mixture.

The Hartford soup-kitchen works very satisfactorily, soup and bread being distributed to holders of tickets. The average expense is $50 per week.

The state reform-school at Meriden has 307 boys, and after paying all expenses there is a balance of $4000 in the treasury. The boys are taught how to run sewing machines, some 50 of which have been introduced, and this is considered more profitable for them than seating cane chairs.

Another New Haven man turns up as a prospective heir. His name is E. A. Goold, works in a machine-shop and claims to be a baron and heir to large estates in Ireland. Von Baren's reputation has now sunk so low that a woman who had loaned him $10 demanded it, backed by a lawyer, and it was immediately returned to her.

The New Haven police commissioners have raised the pay of patrolmen from $2.50 to $2.75 per day, and the salary of the chief from $2300 to $2500.

The stockholders of the Meriden fire insurance company have voted by 1206 to 1189 to discontinue the company. Another meeting will probably be held, and an attempt made to reverse the vote.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Gen. Weaver has introduced a bill for a constitutional amendment to provide for the election of senators by the people.

The Ponca commission has submitted a report to the President, the purport of which is that the Poncas have been greatly wronged and that the government should settle difficulties with them in which any peaceful and law-abiding people.

Thirty-nine clerks in the navy department have been discharged, the appropriation being exhausted.

Senator McPherson of New Jersey has introduced a bill appropriating $100,000 to fit out a vessel of war to search for the Jeannette.

Representative Townshend, of Ill., has introduced a bill to increase the rate of pensions to veterans who are totally disabled to $50 per month.

On motion of Mr. Reagan of Texas, in the House recently, the Senate joint resolution was passed for the inspection and pause of an American register to the Egyptian steamship Dessong.

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Morris Golden of North Guilford, Conn., a wood-chopper, was found frozen to death recently with a whisky bottle in his pocket.

A meeting of the temperance societies in Springfield, Mass., recently discussed the question, "Is there any Christian basis for the uniting of the different temperance societies?" The majority of the speakers urged the importance of individual work.

A resolution has been introduced into the Concord, N. H., city government instructing the mayor to close all liquor saloons. It will not be acted on until the last of the month, when it will probably pass. It looks as if a liquor crusade will be inaugurated.

Arrangements are in progress for a celebration of the anniversary of the Massachusetts total abstinence society at Boston, February 20, in Tremont temple. Gov. Long will preside, and addresses will be made by distinguished Boston clergymen.

The body of Benjamin B. Hayden of Marlboro, Mass., the young man who has been missing since Friday, Jan. 21, and for whom daily search has been made, was found in a lot about three-fourths of a mile from his father's house recently. It was in a half-reclining posture, with arms crossed on the breast and hands clenched. The face, hands and feet were uncovered by snow, and the body was frozen hard. There was no evidence of foul play, but the bottle, partially filled with whisky, which was found in his coat pocket, seemed to tell the sad tale. Nearly $100 in cash was found on his person, and his other valuables were unmolested. An inquest being deemed unnecessary, the body was taken by Undertaker Fay and removed to his home. Now the question arises: Who sold Hayden the liquor, and who, under the civil damage law, can be held responsible for his sad death?—*Boston Herald.*

Justice Gilbert recently imposed about $600, costs and disbursements, upon the East New York liquor dealers, Philip L. Jardin and seventy-one others, as the condition of opening their defaults in suits brought by the Rev. Messrs. W. J. Hill, B. F. Reeve, N. Pearse, and others of East New York, for penalties for violation of the excise law. The cases were referred to Mr. Ostrander of Brooklyn to take the testimony in case costs were paid. The ministers also obtained an indictment against Peter Sutter and George Distler of East New York, and William Busch of Barclay street and College place, of New York, the commissioners of excise of East New York, for alleged malfeasance in office, in granting bogus hotel and pause of an American register to the Egyptian steamship Dessong.

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DEFENSE OF LAWYERS.

There is a great deal of nonsense talked about the lying done by lawyers. People are more like sheep than most of us would like to admit. It becomes the custom to accuse a certain class of men of a certain trait, and at once the people, like sheep, follow their leader. There is no class of men who see more of the seamy side of life, except perhaps editors, than lawyers do, and there is no class of men more truthful. This is partly because the profession generally is composed of gentlemen and partly from force of circumstances. A lawyer cannot lie if he wants to. In this respect he resembles George Washington and differs from Mark Twain. Suppose a lawyer started out to lie to a jury how long would it be before the "eminent counsel" on the other side would stop him. Do not be so simple as to imagine that a lawyer is going to let a rival lawyer lie about his client. Then there is the judge, who is a sort of guardian angel over both sides, and it is not very safe to do much lying before a judge who knows the ins of the matter. The story about the man who was asked by the lawyer if that was the truth of the case and who answered "that's the truth, I expect you to put in the lies," is a libel on the profession. There is not one client in ten that would honestly tell a lawyer the whole truth. The fact that a lawyer will readily take either side of any case is given evidence that the fraternity is reckless with the truth. Why is a lawyer like a restless sleeper? asks an ancient riddle. The answer is because he lies on one side, then turns and lies on the other. People forget that there are two sides to every story. All the lawyers does is simply to present the best side of his case to the attention of judge or jury or both. There is no necessity for lying to do this. It is time the public got out of the ancient rut of believing lawyers to be liars.—*Detroit Fress Press.*

VALUABLE PEARLS.

A pawnbroker of Pesth called at a jeweler's shop to inquire as to the value of a black stone that he said had been offered him as a pledge. The jeweler found the stone to be a great rarity, a black pearl, and pronounced it very valuable, but said he had never seen a black pearl before and could not set a price upon it. He referred the pawnbroker to a prominent jewelry house of Vienna. To the latter the man repaired and repeated his inquiries, but no sooner had he displayed the pearl than a police officer was sent for, and he was arrested on the general suspicion that he could not have come honestly by it. This, however, proved to be a mistake. It was satisfactorily shown that he had paid arrears of taxes for a poor neighbor of his in Pesth, and had thus saved him some trouble and distress, and in return this man gave him the pearl. The donor of the precious stone had been a trusted servant of the distinguished Count Bathyanyi, and had received as a souvenir from his master before his execution a scarf pin that the latter had always worn. Pressed for money, he sold the gold of the pin, but kept the stone. He did not suppose it to be worth much, and now gave it to the pawnbroker as the only return he could make for the latter's aid. Biederman, the Vienna court jeweler, whose suspicions had caused the pawnbroker's arrest, is a distinguished expert in stones. He says that the English crown formerly possessed three black pearls among its precious adornments, but that they were stolen some two hundred years ago. They were the only stones of the kind shen known to exist in the world. How Count Bathyanyi came into possession of his has not been ascertained.

THE VOICE OF NEW ENGLAND

IN A MATTER OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Ever since Solomon chose to announce that there was "nothing new under the sun," there has been a tacit acquiescence on the part of so many, that any assertion to the contrary has aroused a deep feeling of curiosity if not of incredulity, and evoked a strong purpose to investigate the "new thing." For the sake of reconciling the "wise man's" notions with this latter day experience, we would suggest that the new and wonderful application of "old fashioned" ideas certainly justifies our boasting of this age of progress. These thoughts were induced by a contemplation of the record of that famous Old German Remedy, St. Jacobs Oil. And certainly we know not, nor have we ever heard of any curative which has accomplished so much good. Its past has been one long period of triumph over painful disease, its present is the period of yet wider usefulness in the relief and cure of human ailments, and its future, based upon such a record,—what limit can be set to it? The following statements of well-known people of Boston and other cities of New England in support of the efficacy of St. Jacobs Oil, form the basis for the proper assertion that, all things considered, the Old German Remedy is the most remarkable one ever discovered for the relief and cure of rheumatism and all painful diseases. Chas. S. Strickland, Esq., builder, No. 9 Boylston street and 106 Harrison avenue, thus speaks: The pleasure which I hereby attempt to express, can only be half conveyed by words. Physicians of very high character and notoriety have heretofore declared my rheumatism to be incurable. Specifics, almost numberless, have failed to cure or even alleviate the intensity of the pain, which has frequently confined me to my room, for three months at a time. One week ago I was seized with an attack of acute rheumatism of the knee. In a few hours the entire knee joint became swollen to enormous proportions and walking rendered impossible. Nothing remained for me, and I intended to resign myself, as best I might to another month's confinement, when I learned of the wonderful curative properties of St. Jacobs Oil. I clutched it as a straw, and in a few hours was free from pain in knee, arm and shoulder. As before stated, I cannot find words to convey my praise and gratitude to the discoverer of this king of rheumatism. D. L. F. Thompson, Supt. Moore and Wyman's Engine and Machine Shop, 37 Foundry street, Boston, says: My wife has been suffering for years with severe pains in the limbs, to relieve which I had her apply some of that famous liniment, St. Jacobs Oil. Now she is cured, thanks to the wonderful healing properties of the Oil. It has been also used among my men with splendid effect, and I can highly recommend it. Mr. John A. Hutchinson, Supt. Dowper's Kerosene Oil Works, Boston, Mass., writes: Mr. Patton, one of our foremen, in walking up stairs last week sprained his leg badly. I gave him a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil to try. He used it, and an almost instantaneous cure was effected. Geo. E. Savory, Asst. Clerk Police, City Hall, Boston, narrates: An acquaintance has been a frequent sufferer with sciatica. He recently suffered such intense agony from an attack of this disease, that he was unable to bear the weight of his foot upon the floor. He applied St. Jacobs Oil, and in less than a half hour he took a walk upon the streets, *cured.* A lady acquaintance of mine was also attacked some weeks ago with inflammatory rheumatism of the limbs, from which she had heretofore never found relief by the use of medicines, etc. She, too, used St. Jacobs Oil, and was cured within an hour. James Butler, Esq., Clerk of the Roxbury Carpet Co., Boston, Mass., employing eight hundred hands, in a late communication, says: The famous Old German remedy, St. Jacobs Oil, has effected several cures among our men, who have been badly hurt in working in the factory, and they pronounce it a success every time. W. J. Morgan, Esq., 3 St. Charles Market, Boston, observes: For two years past I have been lame from water about the knee joint. I have bandaged the knee, used liniments and prescriptions from eminent physicians in Boston, without any benefit. The only relief I could obtain was from the hand of a hired-nurse. Two weeks since I was ordered to try St. Jacobs Oil. The swelling is reduced, the nurse discharged, the tendons have relaxed, the pain has to a great extent disappeared, the bandages removed, and I feel confident of a speedy and better than I have for two years. Mr. S. H. Joseph, Agent Emerson's Minstrels, thus refers to his personal experience. During the month of April, 1880, while hastily descending the hotel stairs my foot caught in the banister; this accident resulted in a severe strain of all the tendons, my foot and ankle were terribly swollen, and physicians pronounced the injury to be of a very severe nature; for four weeks I was entirely unfitted for business; could not stand or bear any weight upon the limb. I tried many remedies, with no benefit. At Lancaster, Pa., I was presented with a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, and commenced using it; the effects were marvelous; the swelling diminished, the pain ceased, and in a short time I was entirely cured. I therefore can speak from experience; and in saying St. Jacobs Oil acts in a marvelous manner, I but partly express my good opinion of it. Mr. C. C. Willet, Fr. Hoseman, Eng. No. 4, Boston, observes: Mr. Geo. H. Knox, one of the members of this company used St. Jacobs Oil for severe rheumatic pains in the knee, and pronounced the Oil a complete success as he was cured by its use. I highly recommend St. Jacobs Oil, as it does just what it claims to. I was suffering with chilblains, said Mr. C. H. Ginn, No. 30 Fulton street, Springfield, Foreman Machine Works of the same Road. I procured a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil, used it and was cured by its marvelous influence.

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Lally & Co's Machine Works, S. Boston: I had severe pains in my shoulder; but after using St Jacobs Oil, was quick cured, and am now entirely well. Mr. Robert Simpson, Foreman Highland Iron Foundry Co.: We have used St. Jacobs Oil in our foundry, and have never seen anything to equal it. Many cases of bruises, sprains, etc., have been effected by it; and one of our men was cured of a severe case of rheumatism by its use. Mr. John C. Felker, Foreman Shaw & Alpin's Furniture Factory, East Cambridge, Mass.: The St. Jacobs Oil has more than pleased me in its results. In going to Boston I was taken with a sore throat, which grew worse until one o'clock in the morning. After trying everything within reach, without help, I happened to think of St. Jacobs Oil, and used it, and found instant relief. It beats the world. Mr. Nelson Cutler, Foreman Ashton Valve Co.: One of our men was very badly jammed; but by the use of St. Jacobs Oil he was entirely cured. Another man in our employ was cured of Neuralgia by the use of the Great German Remedy. Mr. John Delano, Supt. of Morse's Safe Works, 71 Sudbury street: Several of our men have been badly hurt in working around the machinery; but after applying the wonderful liniment, St. Jacob's Oil, they were immediately cured. We can safely and highly recommend it as a sure cure for all pains. Capt. D. R. Dearing, Protective Company No. 1: I have used St. Jacobs Oil for a painful sprain of my ankle, and take great pleasure in recommending it to public favor, because it cured me. It also gave almost instant relief to my son who was recently burned. J. Wilson, Esq., of L. M. Hem & Co., Manufacturers of Bank Vaults and Steel Chests, 258 Portland street: For two years my mother-in-law suffered with rheumatism and tried various remedies without relief. She finally determined to use St. Jacobs Oil; with the application of the remedy was immediately relieved. Messrs. Jones, Cook & Co., Bay State Brewery: We have used St. Jacobs Oil among our men and find that it helps them "every time." We therefore heartily recommend it as a pain-healing liniment. Mr. Chas. E. Mudge, Custom House Broker: Mrs. Young, a friend, was recently cured of a severe attack of tooth-ache by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, almost at once after the remedy had been applied. Messrs. R. Easterbrook & Son, City Iron Foundry: Two or three of our men were badly burnt in working. They were whoever, immediately cured by using St. Jacobs Oil. They are highly pleased with it, and we shall always recommend it to those afflicted with pains or rheumatism. Mr. Walter B. Gardner, Foreman American Steam Gauge Co., 30 Darden street: The St. Jacobs Oil has been in use among the employes of this company, who have been burnt and injured in working among the machinery, and it never fails to cure them. I can highly recommend it. Our neighbors too, are not unmindful of the debt they owe the Old German Remedy. Edgar T. Paige, Esq., Druggist, writes us from Chicopee Falls, that Mr. Albert Guenther, under Wilds Hotel, has used that remarkable remedy, St. Jacobs Oil for a severe case of rheumatism and it cured him as if by magic. Mr. F. B. Ruder, 207 Main street, Springfield: My brother-in-law, Mr. Sinderhof, had been suffering with rheumatism for a long time, and found no relief until he tried the Old German Remedy, St. Jacobs Oil. After using two bottles he was cured, thanks to its wonderful healing powers. Mr. John Etzensperger, a Manufacturing Jeweler of North Attleboro, Mass.: I suffered so much with pains in my arm, that at times I was completely helpless. I used but incomparable remedy St. Jacobs Oil and was completely cured as if by magic. Mr. Henry Kaschop, with Mr. Geo. E. Miller, 418 Main St., Worcester: I suffered so badly with rheumatism in my leg last winter, that I was unable to attend to my work, being completely helpless. I heard of St. Jacobs Oil and bought a bottle, after using which I felt greatly relieved. With the use of the second bottle I was completely cured. In my estimation there is nothing on earth so good for rheumatism as St. Jacobs Oil. It acts like a charm. Among others whose testimony was freely given was W. H. Stearns, Esq., Master Mechanic of the Connecticut River Rail Road, residing at No. 28 Boylston street, Springfield, who observed: St. Jacobs Oil has had remarkable effect among the men employed here. One of them jammed his arm very badly, and by the use of St. Jacobs Oil was greatly benefited, and the arm was healed. Another used it for severe rheumatic pains in the knee, and pronounced the Oil a complete success as he was cured by its use. I highly recommend St. Jacobs Oil, as it does just what it claims to. 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LEAD THE LITTLE ONES.

Don't be afraid to show the children that you love them. The boy or girl will not easily go wrong whose arm is twined around mother's neck, or whose head is welcomed to its cuddling-place on father's shoulder. It is on the side of their affections that children are most easily held and guided, and the firmest rein is the invisible, golden cord of love. It is good to humor children in following their natural bent in all right and helpful directions. Remember that education is only the leading out of powers and faculties that are within. Encourage, therefore, such inclinations toward books, studies, mechanics, music, out-of-door pursuits, and healthful sports as shall help most truly to develop your child. As education comes more and more to include the development of a natural aptitude, it will be more and more successful. It is good to humor your children in preserving their individuality, and in fostering a true self-respect. Teach them, too, the value of money, and encourage them to manage their own financial affairs. This will early give them important experience.

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